

Oaklands School

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December 20th, 2024

Dear Oaklands Families,

The renovation of our beloved 1913 building is set to begin in January 2025. This historic building has been an integral part of our school for many years, and we are excited about the improvements that will be made. However, this has brought some challenges that have required our school community to adapt.

To ensure that we continue to provide a high-quality learning environment for all of our students, we will be splitting our school community into two separate locations during this time. While this is no small undertaking, I have complete confidence that our dedicated staff are up for the challenge. They have been anticipating this transition for over a year and a half, and have shown unwavering commitment to maintaining exceptional educational experiences for our students.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our teachers, educational assistants, custodial staff, and office staff who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes. From packing up their classrooms to undertaking the enormous task of unpacking and setting up in new spaces, their efforts are truly remarkable. They are dedicated to ensuring that our students feel safe, welcomed, and supported in their new learning environments, and I couldn't be more grateful for their commitment.

To our parents and families, thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time of change. Your partnership in fostering a positive and inclusive school community is invaluable, and we are grateful for the trust you place in us every day.

A special thank you also goes to our Oaklands PAC for their incredible support in keeping our school community connected. The events they organize help us stay united, even as we face these temporary challenges. Their efforts make a real difference in maintaining a sense of closeness and belonging among our students, families, and staff.

While the upcoming renovation will bring some disruption, I am confident that we will emerge from this process with a stronger, more vibrant school environment for our students. Together, we will continue to create meaningful learning opportunities, foster a sense of community, and maintain the spirit of Oaklands School that makes it such a special place.

As we head into the winter break, I want to take a moment to wish you and your families a peaceful, restful, and joy-filled holiday season. May this time bring you comfort, connection, and time to recharge for the exciting months ahead.

Thank you again to everyone for your continued support as we navigate this exciting new chapter in the life of our school.

Warm regards,

Petra Eggert



Important Dates

December 22 - January 5

Winter Break

Monday, January 6

Divisions 10-22

Return to School -
Oaklands Campus

Tuesday, January 7

Divisions 1-9

Return to School - Uplands
Campus

January 13 - 17

Early French Immersion Registration

Friday, January 17

Hot Lunch - Booster Juice

Friday, January 24

Professional Development Day
No School for Students

January 27 - 31

Kindergarten Registration for the
25/26 school year

Late French Immersion Registration

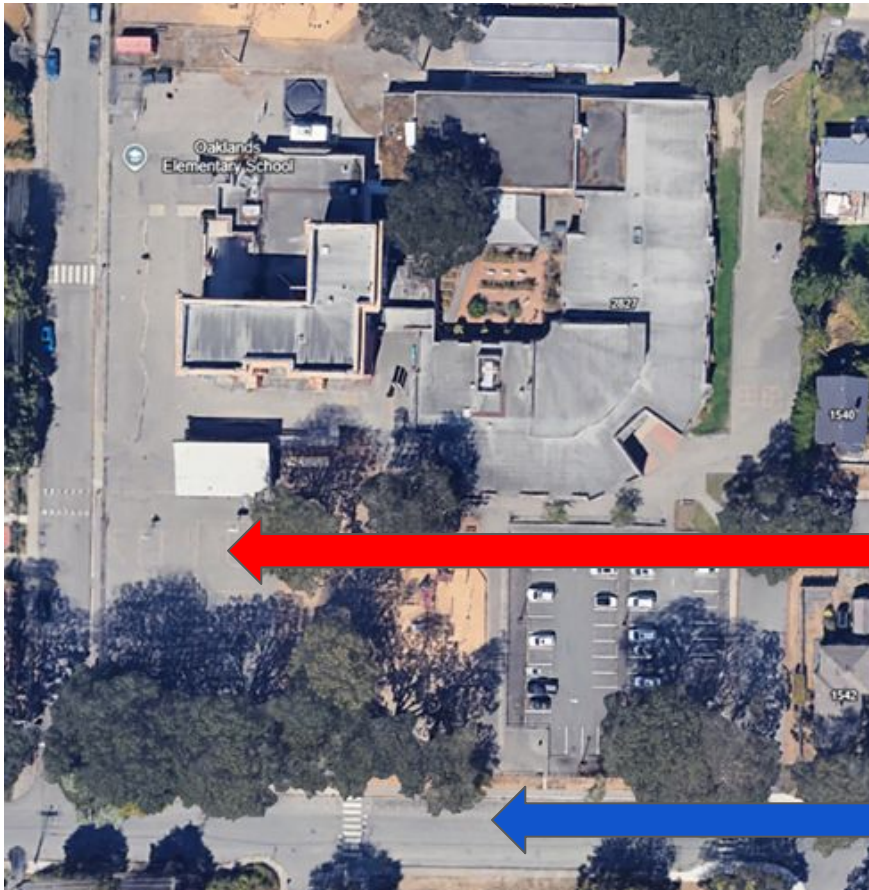
Friday, February 7

Hot Lunch - Pizza

February 10 - 13

Transfer Week

On Tuesday, January 7th, 2025, all students that are busing to Oaklands East (*the Uplands campus*) will meet on the basketball court and line up in their bus groups. At **8:30 am**, student will load the buses in their groups.



8:25 am - Students line up on the basketball court in Bus Groups 1, 2 and 3.

8:30 am - Students will load buses on Ryan St. for departure.

BUS #1	BUS #2	BUS #3
Division 3 – Ms. Lee	Division 6 – Mr. Neligan	Division 2 – Ms. Tessemaker
Division 5 – Mr. Dailyde	Division 8 – Ms. Scott-Moncrieff	Division 4 – Ms. Di Menna
Division 7 – Ms. Walasek EAG – Ms. Meechan	Division 9 – Ms. Durrance	EAG – Ms. Ben ElBahri
Division 1 – Ms. Fisher and Ms. Holly 12 students – Div. 1 Students with last names starting with Ab. to Ke.	Division 1 – Ms. Fisher and Ms. Holly 12 students - Div. 1 Students with last names starting with Ki. to Wa.	

On Tuesday Mrs. Liddell and Mrs. Clifford's classes performed their winter concert songs and delivered cards to seniors at Oakwood Manor on Shelbourne. At Oaklands we care about our community!



OAKLANDS ELEMENTARY PAC

TREE CHIPPING & BOTTLE DRIVE



WHEN: JANUARY 11TH 9AM-12PM

WHERE: OAKLANDS ELEMENTARY PARKING LOT

PLEASE TAKE ALL ORNAMENTS AND LIGHTS OFF THE TREE

BY DONATION (SUGGESTED \$10)
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE PAC

GENEROUSLY PROVIDED BY:



Thank you for joining
us for the Winter Movie
Night!

Oaklands PAC News

Greetings from the PAC!

Can you believe we're nearly finished with our first term?! The PAC and school community want to *thank the Oaklands families* for their time and resources this year.

We're always looking for ways to improve community involvement, and *we rely on volunteer support* to make our events and fundraising happen. In the new year, we will share more information on how you and your loved ones can help enhance the school community throughout the remainder of the year.

What the school location split (some grade 3-5 kids moving to Uplands) means for PAC initiatives:

As you likely know, school renovations (structural upgrades) begin in January, which means that Divisions 1-9 (all Grades 4, 5 and some Grade 3's) will be moving off the Oaklands campus to Uplands School to conclude their school year there.

We're grateful this move will have a low impact on families. Drop-offs and pick-ups will remain at Oaklands, and a school bus will take children to the Uplands location. And at the end of the day, the school will be safer for everyone :)

These changes mean that some activities **will require more volunteers:**

- Hot lunches and the school fruit and veggie program will still be available for kids at the Uplands location
- That said, we will need a few extra volunteers to help hand out food on the days they are booked for

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- Hot Lunch | **Uplands Location** from **11:30AM-1:30PM**
 - WHEN - Friday, January 17
 - WHO - calling all parents, grandparents, and caregivers
 - WHAT - come volunteer for one hour (or more if you have time)
 - WHERE - 3461 Henderson Road, Victoria
 - WHY - It's a great way to peek inside the school and give your little humans a quick "hello"
 - HOW - sign up here <https://volunteersignup.org/8LJKR>

Feeling out of the loop? *Join our Facebook page* and get updates on what is happening in and around the school (request to join the Oaklands Elementary PAC private group).

We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season, and we look forward to engaging with you more in the new year.

With gratitude,

Your Oaklands PAC



Free Drop-In Sessions





COME AND JOIN US!

Saanich Wolverines are offering **FREE** drop-in football skills development sessions in **January/February** for any kids (**Born 2011 to 2017**) who want to try football. Join us for a fun introduction to youth football through skills and drills coached drop-in sessions. Players will be split into age groups and will work with coaches at their appropriate skill level

2025 Winter Skills & Drills

UVIC Turf Field 2A

Saturday Jan 4th (10am-12pm)
Saturday Jan 11th, 18th, 25th, Feb 1st, Feb 8th,
Feb 15th (2pm - 4pm)

UVIC Turf Field 2B

Saturday Feb 22nd (11am - 1pm)

No Gear. Just Cleats (or appropriate footwear) and Water.



Junior Bantam (2011,2012)
PeeWee (2013, 2014)
Atom (2017, 2016,2015)

Questions? Contact us at: Gvmfa.general@gmail.com est 1989





DRAMA CLUB: IN A GALAXY FAR FAR AWAY!

JAN 9TH-FEB 6TH
THURS 6:00-7:30PM
AGES 8-12

**SCI-FI POETRY, STAR WARS SHAKESPEARE,
ALIEN IMPROV & GALACTIC STORYTELLING!**



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December 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
15 <small>Sorry We're CLOSED</small>	16 Open	17 Open	18 Open	19 Open	20 <small>Holiday Meal</small>	21 <small>Sorry We're CLOSED</small>
22 <small>Sorry We're CLOSED</small>	23 Open	24 Open	25 <small>Sorry We're CLOSED</small>	26 <small>Sorry We're CLOSED</small>	27 <small>Sorry We're CLOSED</small>	28 <small>Sorry We're CLOSED</small>
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January 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 <small>Sorry We're CLOSED</small>	2 Open	3 Open	4 <small>Sorry We're CLOSED</small>
5 <small>Sorry We're CLOSED</small>	6 Open	7 Open	8 Open	9 Open	10 Open	11 <small>Sorry We're CLOSED</small>



Winter Camp

DEC 30/31 & JAN 2/3

BOARDGAME CAFE, IMAX, PJ DAY, NEW YEARS COUNTDOWN & MORE!



4 DAY CAMP PRICE AFTER CCFRI
GRADE K - \$144.40 GRADE 1+ - \$185.60

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